



Appln. No. 09/578,849

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**a.) Introductory Comments:**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action, mail dated March 31, 2003 (Paper No. 21), applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims, and reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of these amendments and applicant's remarks below.